

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

724. (Twice amended) A catadioptric optical system according to Claim 18, wherein said catadioptric type optical system includes a lens group including at least one